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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN FORTIFICATIONS ON EAST BANK OF CANAL

1. VIRTUALLY ALL ISRAELI PAPERS AS WELL AS TV AND RADIO REPORTED MAY 21 THAT EGYPTIANS HAVE PREPARED WELL OVER 100 FORTIFIED POSITIONS ON EAST BANK OF SUEZ CANAL WHICH THEY COULD OCCUPY WITHIN HOURS OF DECISION TO DISREGARD DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. FORTIFICATIONS REPORTEDLY ARE SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMMODATE FIVE DIVISIONS EGYPT HAS DEPLOYED ALONG CANAL.

2. STORIES WERE WRITTEN ON BASIS OF IDF BRIEFINGS PROVIDED TO MILITARY CORRESPONDENT DURING TOUR OF NORTHERN SECTOR OF SINAI ARRANGED MAY 20.

3. JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT REPORTED EGYPTIANS HAVE PREPARED EARTHWORKS FOR NUMBER OF BRIDGES AND LAUNCHING AND LANDING RAMPS. PAPER CLAIMS THAT
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WHILE EGYPTIANS ARE LARGELY STICKING TO TERMS OF DISENGAGEMENT

AGREEMENT, THEY ARE GETTING AROUND TROOP AND WEAPONS LIMITATIONS
BY DEPLOYING DOZEN OF BMP TRACKED ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS.

4. JERUSALEM POST ARTICLE ENDED WITH DESCRIPTION OF IDF
PREPARATIONS TO COPE WITH EGYPTIAN ATTACK AND EXPRESSIONS OF
CONFIDENCE OF IDF OFFICERS THAT THEY CAN HANDLE ANY SITUATION.

5. COMMENT: TOUR OF NORTHERN SINAI ARRANGED FOR MILITARY
CORRESPONDENTS AT THIS TIME AND IDF BRIEFING ON EGYPTIAN
MILITARY ACTIVITIES (MUCH OF WHICH HAS SURFACED IN PRESS
OVER PAST MONTHS) MOTIVATED BY NAGGING ISRAELI CONCERN
THAT SADAT MIGHT TRY PULL FAST ONE RE VIOLATION DISENGAGEMENT
AGREEMENT IN CONJUNCTION OPENING CANAL. PRESUME AIM OF
CAMPAIGN IS TO REASSURE NERVOUS ISRAELI PUBLIC AND
HOPEFULLY TO DISCOURAGE ANY SUCH NEFARIOUS EGYPTIAN PLOT.
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